

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Previously Amended) A card for a personal computer, comprising:

- (a) a circuit board which plugs into the personal computer and which is coupled to exchange data via an industry-standard bus in the personal computer; and
 - (b) radio frequency modulation circuitry on the circuit board, which receives the data and transmits radio frequency signals responsive thereto,
- wherein the card is coupled to an external antenna system, and comprising a connector, through which a DC source external to the card powers the antenna system.

Claim 2. (Original) A card according to claim 1, wherein the circuitry comprises a frequency synthesizer generating the radio frequency signals.

Claim 3. (Original) A card according to claim 2, wherein the frequency generated by the frequency synthesizer is set by a controller on the circuit board.

Claim 4. (Original) A card according to claim 2, wherein the frequency generated by the frequency synthesizer is set by conveying instructions via the computer bus.

Claim 5. (Cancelled) A card according to claim 1, wherein the card is coupled to an external antenna system, and comprising a connector, through which a DC source external to the card powers the antenna system.

Claim 6. (Previously Amended) A card for a personal computer, comprising:

- (a) a circuit board which plugs into the personal computer and which is coupled to exchange data via an industry-standard bus in the personal computer; and

(b) radio frequency modulation circuitry on the circuit board, which receives the data and transmits radio frequency signals responsive thereto,

wherein the modulation circuitry is coupled to convey the radio frequency signals to the antenna system via the connector.

Claim 7. (Original) A card according to claim 1, wherein the modulation circuitry modulates the transmitted signals according to a predefined protocol in accordance with a command conveyed to the card via the industry-standard bus.

Claim 8. (Original) A card according to claim 1, wherein the modulation circuitry comprises an encoder which encodes error correction into the transmitted signals according to a predefined protocol in accordance with a command conveyed to the card via the industry-standard bus.

Claim 9. (Original) A card according to claim 1, and comprising an auxiliary connector through which the card is coupled to at least one other card located in the computer, such that signals pass between the cards without passing through the industry-standard bus.

Claim 10. (Previously Amended) A card for a personal computer, comprising:

- (a) a circuit board which plugs into the personal computer and which is coupled to exchange data via an industry-standard bus in the personal computer; and
- (b) radio frequency modulation circuitry on the circuit board, which receives the data and transmits radio frequency signals responsive thereto,
wherein said radio frequency signals are transmitted to a satellite.

Claim 11. (Previously Amended) A radio frequency (RF) communication card for a personal computer, comprising:

- (a) a circuit board which plugs into the personal computer and which is coupled to exchange data via an industry-standard bus in the personal computer;
- (b) RF circuitry on the circuit board, which receives the data and processes RF signals responsive thereto;
- (c) an auxiliary connector through which the card is coupled to at least one other card located in the computer, such that the signals pass between the cards without passing through the industry-standard bus; and
- (d) an antenna connected said circuit board, wherein said antenna transmits RF signals received from said circuit board .

Claim 12. (Original) A card according to claim 11 wherein the communication card conveys a synchronizing signal via the auxiliary connector.

Claim 13. (Cancelled) A satellite transceiver for a personal computer, comprising:

- (a) a transmitter card which plugs into the personal computer and which is coupled to exchange data via an industry-standard bus in the personal computer and which transmits radio frequency signals responsive to the received data;
- (b) a receiver card which plugs into the personal computer and which is coupled to exchange data via an industry-standard bus and which receives radio frequency signals and converts the received signals to data for transfer via the bus;
- (c) an auxiliary bus connecting the transmitter card and the receiver card; and
- (d) an antenna connected said transmitter card, wherein said antenna transmits RF signals received from said circuit board.

Claim 14. (Cancelled) A transceiver according to claim 13, wherein the transmitter card and the receiver card comprise respective connectors coupling the cards to the auxiliary bus.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting a radio frequency signal directly from a personal computer, comprising:

- (a) mounting the transmitter card in the personal computer
- (b) conveying data to the card via an industry-standard computer bus in the personal computer; and
- (c) transmitting the radio frequency signal from the card to an antenna responsive to the data,

wherein transmitting the signal comprises transmitting the signal to a satellite.

Claim 16. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein conveying data to the card comprises determining a frequency band of said radio frequency signal.

Claim 17. (Original) A method according to claim 15, and comprising: mounting a power connector on the card; and powering an antenna system external to the card via the power connector.

Claim 18. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein transmitting the radio frequency signal comprises modulating the signal in accordance with a modulation scheme determined responsive to a command conveyed via the bus.

Claim 19. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein transmitting the radio frequency signal comprises encoding an error correction onto the signal in accordance with an encoding scheme determined responsive to a command conveyed via the bus.

Claim 20. (Original) A method according to claim 15, and comprising connecting the transmitter card to at least one other card via an auxiliary connector, such that signals pass between the cards without passing through the industry-standard bus.

Claim 21. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 15, wherein transmitting the signal comprises transmitting the signal to a satellite.

Claim 22. (Cancelled) A method for transmitting and receiving signals between a satellite and a personal computer comprising:

- (a) coupling a transmitter card to an industry-standard bus in the computer;
- (b) transmitting radio frequency signals from the transmitter card to an antenna responsive to data from the bus;
- (c) coupling a receiver card to the industry-standard bus;
- (d) receiving radio frequency signals in the receiver card responsive to data from the bus; and
- (e) coupling the transmitter and receiver cards together directly via an auxiliary bus separate from the industry-standard bus.

Claim 23. (Cancelled) A method according to claim 22, wherein receiving radio frequency signals comprises conveying a synchronizing signal from the receiver card to the transmitter card via the auxiliary bus.